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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS, RP
SUBJECT: PRESS ATTRIBUTES "ROCKETING" IN ILIGAN TO "TERRORISTS"

1. AT ABOUT 0100 HOURS ON DECEMBER 12 GRANEX MANUFACTURING CORPORATION'S COCONUT OIL MILL IN ILIGAN CITY, MINDANAO, WAS ATTACKED BY A SMALL GROUP OF INTRUDERS WHO THREW AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE OR GRENADE NEAR THE STORAGE TANK. THERE WAS LITTLE OR NO DAMAGE TO THE FACILITY AND NO EMPLOYEES OR RESIDENTS WERE INJURED. GRANEX IS PRIMARILY OWNED BY GARGILL, INC. AND IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PURCHASERS AND CRUSHERS OF COPRA AND EXPORTERS OF PHILIPPINE COCONUT PRODUCTS.

2. MANILA'S MORNING NEWSPAPERS HEADLINED THE INCIDENT AS A TERRORIST "ROCKETING" ATTACK INTENDED TO "SOW TERROR AMONG THE INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SECTOR." MILITARY AND POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE REPORTED AS SAYING THAT TERRORISTS HAD BEEN SENDING THREATENING LETTERS TO THE ILIGAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THESE LETTERS COULD BE POSSIBLE MOTIVATION FOR BOMBING.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESS APPEARS TO HAVE EXAGGERATED AND OVERDRAMATIZED THE INCIDENT. A GRANEX OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT BOMB-

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ING BUT SAID THAT THE BOMB WAS PROBABLY A HAND GRENADE OR OTHER SMALL DEVICE AND NOT A 3.5 MM ROCKET LAUNCHER AS REPORTED BY THE PRESS. THERE WAS A SIMILAR INCIDENT AT THE SAME PLANT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND A COMPLETE REPORT WAS FILED WITH THE LOCAL POLICE. HOWEVER, THE STORY WAS NOT REPORTED IN MANILA. GRANEX OFFICIAL QUESTIONED WHETHER THE INCIDENT WAS "TERRORIST" INSPIRED AND DID NOT KNOW OF THE ALLEGED

LETTERS EXTORTING MONEY FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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